

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Come and Trip Without a Flaw on the Light Fantastic Paw

BEFORE THE SANDMAN COMES

SEEMS to me everybody's going to school nowadays," said a little English sparrow as he balanced on the wire clothes line. "So?" said his mother, "who, for instance?" "Well that kind little boy on the third floor, for instance," said the little sparrow. "He was so good to me always all summer. He always put out the nicest crumbs! Three times a day!" "But has he forgotten you now?" asked the mother sparrow. "No, not really forgotten me," the little sparrow admitted, "but he don't pay attention to me as he used to. He just throws out some crumbs in the morning and then hastily slams the window shut and runs off to school!" The mother sparrow laughed. "Well, if that's all the treatment you get I shouldn't think you'd worry—wouldn't?" "But I don't like it," said the little sparrow; "I liked to talk to him and I know he likes to talk to me, but I really believe he likes school better!" "That's natural, school is interesting," said his mother. "Oh, is it, mother? what do you know about it?" "I know a lot about it," she replied with a contented little flourish of her tail, "and she settled herself to tell him about it. As there anything more for that teller of you know—somebody who can't think of anything else to say?" "You see, last year I had a nest under the eaves of the schoolhouse on the street, and I learned all about school then!" "Dear me, I wish you had built there this year," said the mother. "Well, I can't," replied the other, "because the children sit in rows and read things out of a book, then they study in rows and say things out of their heads!" "Dear me," said the mother, "that sounds very queer and uninteresting!" "That's because you are a bird, children think it is their business to read, and they study in rows!" "The little sparrow pronounced that for quite a while then he said, "I wish birds could have a school!"

wires here, on the clothes lines and the telegraph wire." And would you believe it—he did! He called all his friends, and they sat in rows on the telegraph wires and pretended they had school. The kind little boy saw them, too, and was so interested he stayed at the window a long time and watched. So, of course, the little sparrow was proud and happy—and he played "bird school" many a fine day. Tomorrow—The Poplar's Story. Copyright, 1914, by Clara Ingram Judson.

BIRDS DISTRIBUTE SEEDS

82 Plants Sprouted From Those Carried by Single Partridge. The way in which feathers and other foreign matter will adhere to the feet of birds is well known. The most famous case is that quoted years ago by Darwin. This was that of red-legged partridge, which was found to have a ball of earth measuring seven and three-quarters inches in circumference and weighing six and three-quarter ounces around one of its feet. After softening the earth a number of seeds were removed therefrom and sown. No fewer than 82 plants came up, representing at least five species. This experiment demonstrated one of the many ways in which birds may disperse seeds.

THE PASSING OF LEERIE

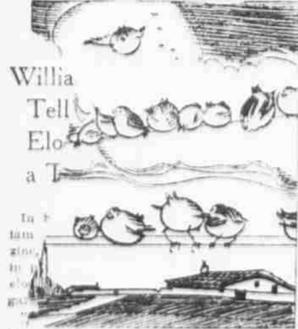
IF I'm kept in the house when it's snowing or wet. It's hard to be sunny and not frown or fret; But mother will cuddle me up in her chair, And tinkle me laughing, and play with my hair. And say she will read (and the book I may hold), The stories a top, Louis Stevenson, told. She reads of his shadow as frail as a reed; And the refuge that he seeks when he climbed in a tree; And his playmate who once whom he never could see; And the boat that he sailed in all day and all night; And the man who would gallop and gallop all night; And Leerie who noddled while lightning lit the light. Copyright by Margaret Douglas Cook.



EGGS CHEAP IN SHANTUNG

300 May Be Purchased by a Single Dollar. Fifteen years ago the price of eggs in the province of Shantung, China, was a dollar for 100 eggs. Now the price has risen to a dollar for 300. Twenty-seven million eggs were exported from this province in the year of which we are speaking. These Chinese peacocks, ducks, geese, and chickens are raised in the open air. They hatch out of their nests in earthenware incubators which are heated by the fire which warms the living rooms and the beds—thus all the heat is saved. We have the word of our Consul at Chefoo that old women frequently incubate eggs by carrying them strapped about their waists under their outer garments. This is a saving economy to the limit, it would seem. Most Chinese families are too poor to eat eggs even at the low prices mentioned, and therefore the entire product, except that portion used for hatching, is sold. On the average ten Chinese eggs weigh a pound.

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Willie Tell Elo a They sat in rows on the telegraph wires and pretended they had school. "The idea," scoffed his mother, "don't think so much, you'll get foolish!" "Oh, no, I won't," replied the little bird pleasantly. Then with a sudden inspiration he added, "but I'm going to start a bird school! Then maybe the little boy will like me again!" "Where will you have it?" asked his mother. "Birds are not used to doing things in rows, you know." "Yes, I know that," replied the little bird. "So I mean to have it on the

YOM HAKIPURIM, DAY OF ATONEMENT, BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

Solemn Jewish Ceremonial Will Be Observed by Millions in All Parts of the World.

In the tribunal of heaven and the tribunal of earth, by the permission of God, is held by the Jews the observance of this holy observance, we hold it lawful to pray with the transgressors. This prayer, chanted to the quaint and plaintive melody of ages at sundown tonight in every synagogue and improvised synagogue in the world, from every battlement and battlement, will usher in the most solemn day of the Jewish year—Yom Hakipurim, or the Day of Atonement.

This year the day, hallowed as it is by centuries of devout observance despite all obstacles, will have an added significance. For from the throats of 11,000,000 Jews there will go forth the first unanimous prayer since the great cataclysm of a restoration of peace on earth and good will to men. Here, in America, where none was directly affected, the synagogues will resound with weeping and wailing, for thousands of those who will offer the prayer will recall the members of their families, particularly in Russia and Galicia, who have already fallen or who are still on the firing line. In the belligerent lands it will cause prostration and hysteria, for it will come from the hearts of the wounded and the mourners; it will come from the father and mothers as well as from wives and children of those on the battlefields.

The prayer quoted above is the one with which the services begin. It is called Kol Nidre, from the initial two words. A few minutes before sunset on the eve of the Day of Atonement, when the congregation has gathered in the synagogue, the Ark is opened and two rabbis, or two leading men in the community take from it two Torahs or scrolls of the law. Then they take their places, one on each side of the cantor, and the three begin the service. With this service also begins the fast, which lasts until sundown tomorrow. The Orthodox Jews observe this fast so rigorously that they will not even taste water in the entire 24 hours. Many of them spend the entire time in the synagogue, using the time in which they ordinarily sleep in the recitation of the Psalms and in other special prayers. Those who go home for the night will return to the synagogues about 6 o'clock tomorrow morning and remain there until about 8 in the evening.

In the reform temples the services are shorter and several recesses are declared. The fast will be broken by the debut of the shofar, or the long blow from the ram's horn, after the final service at sundown tomorrow. In this city the demand for seats in the synagogues is so great that large halls in different parts of the city are converted into improvised synagogues. This year even the Arch Street Theatre is being used for a similar purpose. This afternoon special collection boxes were placed in all the corridors of the synagogues, the money to go for those who will suffer as a result of the war. This collection will be made throughout America, and it is expected that in this way a large sum will be collected.

Stupidity of London

A teacher asked her class to write an essay on London. Later she was surprised, says the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph, to read the following in one attempt: "The people of London are noted for their stupidity." The young author was asked how he got that idea. "Please, miss," was the reply. "It says in the textbook the population of London is very dense."

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ALBERT MOORE It is his boast that he is the youngest Philadelphia grandfather.

"DRIVES" BRING IN RABBITS

Bounties Paid in Extermination Crusade in Texas. Down in the Texas panhandle, sometimes referred to as the "plains" country, the farmers have started a movement to exterminate the jack rabbit in the interest of the grain crops. The county commissioners of Hale County have placed a bounty of 3 cents each on the rabbit's scalp. Several rabbit "drives" have been held near Plainview, the county seat of Hale County, and up to last New Year's Day there had been 800 rabbits brought in for the sake of the bounty upon their heads. The choicest ones are sold to the local produce companies for table use, at 5 cents apiece, and the ears are then taken "to count" to claim the 3 cents' bounty. The produce companies have done a big business shipping the rabbits away for food, and hundreds of those not suited for such use have been bought by farmers for hog feed. Plainview is in the heart of what is known as the "shallow water belt" of the plains country, where for several years past such wonderful development has been taking place.

DOUBLE DOSE OF SWINDLE

One Crook Sold Cloth, Then Other Took It Back. "About the roughest roasts on the Reubens that I know of," said a wholesale clothing drummer, "I ran across in Indiana not long ago, and Indiana is a State where education simply grows on trees. I won't mention the towns, but it has about 1600 population, and I have a good customer there, which is an indication of intelligence. "Well, into this town about a month before I arrived on the scene a man from Chicago appeared with a trunkful of suit patterns for men and went around town selling them at \$2 a pattern, a price that caught the Reubens in great shape, and the man sold out in a day. He told each purchaser that the firm's representative who took measures would come along in a day or two and for 50 cents apiece would take their measures and carry the cloth along to be made up by the firm in the latest city style for \$2 a suit, making the entire cost only \$4.50. "It was a cinch, and no mistake, and even if the measuring man never showed up they had the patterns. But the man showed up and took the measures for 50 cents each and the \$2 for making. He also took the cloth away with him to be made up, and that was the last seen of the clothing combination. "It looks too easy to be true, doesn't it? But it isn't, and the funny part of these swindles is that the easier they are the less trouble they are to work out."

TOOTHBRUSHES PLENTIFUL

Labor-saving Devices Make Manufacture Easy. Japanese toothbrush manufacturers are the latest to join in the chorus of complaint of overproduction, according to the Kobe Chronicle. Labor-saving devices in toothbrush manufacture have made it easy to start this work on a small scale, and the manufacturers have greatly increased in number. The demand, however, has not kept up with the increase in supply, and as a result the sacrifice of stocks by the smaller producers has caused the market to collapse. The finished goods are being sold at a price less than production cost, while the raw materials are advancing in price.

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